

2024 Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Special Order of Business

Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas

Whereas, many urban and peri-urban farmers and ranchers are historically underserved (socially disadvantaged, beginning, limited resource, and veteran farmers and ranchers), and

Whereas, a just, equitable, and sustainable food and farming system ensures that all people live with dignity and freedom from discrimination and exploitation, and

Whereas, historically underserved producers and women often face increased barriers due to their urban and peri-urban property location and/or nontraditional farm household, and

Whereas, farm and ranch insurance policies won't be written due to restrictive zoning.

Therefore, be it resolved, RMFU urges government programs, on federal, state, county, and municipal levels, to be designed to include and benefit urban and peri-urban farmers with small acreage farming and ranching, including under an acre, such as:

- USDA farm programs
- Crop and animal insurance
- Conservation programs
- Farm lending programs
- Mental health programs
- Peer to peer mentoring programs
- Water rates for producers
- Zoning, permitting, and licensing